DATE: August 31, 2004

TO:

Douglas G. Richins, Director

Division of Purchasing and General Services

FROM:

Kelvin G. Thacker, Procurement Services Manager

Utah Department of Transportation

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding for the Procurement of Professional

Services

Based on Utah Code Section 72-2-206 entitled "Department authority to contract", it is understood and agreed that the Department of Transportation is authorized and responsible for the establishment of contracts directly related to the "construction, reconstruction, replacement, and improvement of the highways, including the acquisition of rights of way and material sites' (72-1-102). This would include the following areas:

- 1. Construction, inspection and design engineering;
- 2. Environmental impact studies (EIS);
  - a. Archeological Studies
  - b. Biological Studies
  - c. Sociological Studies
  - d. Economical Studies
  - e. Any other field involved in the EIS preparation
- 3. Other professional services including:
  - a. Aeronautical services including pilots and plane rental and aerial photography
  - b. Appraiser services
  - c. Surveying
  - d. Construction training
  - e. Construction management
  - f. Any other professional services specific to transportation construction

These contracts will follow the same rules as defined in Utah Code Section 63, Chapter 56. The Federal Highway Administration requires the Department of Transportation to manage, certify and inspect all transportation construction projects. To ensure the compliance to this requirement, the Department has promulgated a procedure for the procurement of professional services that complies with Federal guidelines. Separation of these professional and technical services from the management of the project as a whole, could significantly increase the cost of the project development and construction engineering.

Approved:

Douglas G. Richins, Director

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